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## **Sen. Hardiman commends Grand Rapids on receiving lone lead-hazard control grant in Michigan**

**LANSING** – Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, praised the city of Grand Rapids because it was awarded a \$4 million grant to eliminate lead poisoning hazards in additional low-income homes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“I applaud the involvement and efforts of our local government attacking this problem,” Hardiman said. “The city continues to show its commitment to ensuring its citizens have safe and affordable housing.”

The city of Grand Rapids has been awarded these federal funds to produce 425 lead-safe units, through its Community Development Department.

Of the 28,474 housing units that will be targeted, 10,534 will be rentals. The goal of the city is to ensure that lead-safe rental units will be available to low-income families with young children.

HUD announced 62 awards in 26 states for a total of \$139 million. Grand Rapids was awarded the only Lead Hazard Control Grant in the state of Michigan.

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